

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 72-1-12

Serial Nos. 1 to 6

Papers Filed.

Month Sept 13

SUBJECT.

Repairs to the Khantab in the Province
of Sankhbe mut, Khamga District.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.

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Approved by Secy. Secy.
Recorder 11-11-13

LATER REFERENCES.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES

File No. 72/12

FILE HEADING.

Repairs to the mantap in the Honda at Sankubennur
Dassara subject no 529 7/1912

From

Mr. Nadesu Bhuma Rao, Chennasapur Taluk K.

No. -

Dated -

Received -

Diary No.

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Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

State that the Honda at Sankubennur & the fine mantap.
are objects of ~~arch~~ architectural interest & are important
also & request that they may be repaired by the
~~Govt~~ Govt. such ancient monuments may be repaired & renewed

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Underseep remarks.

may be noted -

for reply - under consideration.

3 This formed subject no 415 of 1910 Dassara
When it was simply needed - Rd m 537 9/10

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Draft to Dy Commr Shimoga Dt Sub 2

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To the Dy Commr

Shimoga Dt

No 25 of 4-7-13

Calls for a report on the
present condition of the Honda
at Saktebennur

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From the Dy Commr Shimoga Dt No 15 of 11/7/13

Forwards a copy of his letter to the Ch. Supt

No 152 of 17.11.11 in the matter & requests
early orders regarding the repair of the
mantap

The Dy Commr has moved the Supt
Dept so long ago as November 1911
in the matter of the repairs of the repairs
of the Mantap in the Honda of Saktebennur,
and it is not clear what action the
Ch Supt has taken.

Draft inquiry to the Ch Supt is
sub 2 for appl of the orders.

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To The Chief Engineer

di Mysore.

Do. 138 D/21.7.1913

Invites his reference to letter DO. 152 Dated
17.11.12 from the Dy. Commr. Shimoga Dt.
to him and enquires what action
has been taken in the matter.

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From the Ch. Engineer in Mysore

no. 6608 of 9-8-13.

Forwards copies of a report
received in the matter from the
En. Engineer and of a repl. sent
by him to the En. Engineer. and
states that the question will
be disposed of after the consolidated
estimate due from the En. Engineer
is received.

6 From the correspondence
it seems evident that the repairs
will be executed by the P.W.D.,
as the institution is one of
Architectural interest selected for
preservation by Govt. So the
matter seems to be one for settlement
between the Dy Commr. & the Secretary,
P.W. Department

Subd for order

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Recd on 8-9-13

8 Recd the report and send copy
to the D. R. A member

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sft subd as directed

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6 To Dy. Commr. Shrinagar:
The chief engineer
Mr. Nadig Bhinab Rao, D.R.A.

Member.

No 954-SB of 20-9-13 Records the
above correspondence.

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SUBJECT No. 529

Repairing the fine mantap
in the honda at Sante-
bennur.

Mr. Nadig Bhima Rao, Channagiri
taluk.

Summary of discussion—The honda at Santebennur and the fine mantap in it are objects of architectural interest, which were constructed centuries ago at a great cost. No action has yet been taken for the restoration of the mantap, although the subject is being pressed on the attention of Government for the past several years. The mantap was inspected about four months ago by the Executive Engineer of the Shimoga Division. It is prayed that early action may be taken for the preservation of this ancient monument from ruins.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

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(Continuation Sheet draft form.)

N^o 25. 4. 7 1913.
Mus. 721-12-2

To
The Secy - Com
Muziga DZ

Has the honor to
invite the Dy Commr's
at the Dassar Representative
Assembly of 1912 regarding
repairs to the Mantap &
the Amda of Sanketbenkur,
and to request him to
be so good as to submit
a report on its present
condition together with
an estimate for the
repairs urgently required.

B. D.
11/7/13
J. S. S.
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From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of Mysore, General and Revenue
Departments, Bangalore.

Dated 11th July 1913.

Despatched

Received

General No. 15

No. *Muz* 1

Enclosure No. 1.

DIARY No. 127

19/3/14
SECTION <i>Muz</i>
FILE No. 721-12
SERIAL No. 3

With reference to his No.25/Muz.
721-12-2 dated 4th instant, requests
that early orders may be issued regard
ing the repairs to be effected to the
mantap in the honda of Santebennus.

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No. 15 *Inc/*
July 1

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District,

Dated Shimoga, 11th July 1913.

From

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K.Srinivasa Row, Esquire.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

To

K.R.Srinivasa Iyengar, Esquire., M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments,
B A N G A L O E.

Sir,

With reference to your docket No.25/Muz.721-12-2 dated 4th instant regarding the repairs to be ~~effected~~ effected to the mantap in the honda of Santebennur, I have the honor to forward herewith for favour of information copy of letter No. 152 dated 17th November 1911 on the subject addressed by me to the Chief Engineer in Mysore and to request that early orders may be kindly issued for necessary action being taken in the Department of Public Works as the mantap is ~~now~~ *fast* crumbling ~~is~~ to decay.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K. Srinivasa Row

Deputy Commissioner,

Shimoga District.

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*Encls: to
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ms 721-12*

From

K.Srinivasa Row, Esquire.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

To

The Chief Engineer in Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E.

No 152

Dated. 17th November 1911. No.152.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that in the list of monuments of antiquarian interest selected for permanent preservation by Government the masjid at Santbennur (which was originally a hindu temple) now used as a musafirkhana, and the honde in front of it are objects of special interest both from a historical and architectural points of view. Certain improvements to the masjid were effected in the year 1893-94, but no attention has yet been paid to the improvements required for the preservation of the five mantap in the centre of the honda.

2. I beg to enclose for your information extracts from a note on this subject furnished to the Honourable the British Resident from this office on this subject in the year 1896 by Rajakaryapravina Mr. Rangaswami Iyengar, the then Deputy Commissioner and from this office letter No. 415/391 dated 9th October 1888 to the Chief Secretary by Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao, C. I. E. and the marginal note made by Rajakaryapravina Mr. Rangaswami Iyengar on 8th November 1895 after personal inspection.

3. The large mantap in the centre of honda is now ~~part~~ *fast* crumbling into decay and its early restoration is being pressed for consideration by the Dasara Representative Assembly members from the Channagiri Taluk for the past 4 years.

4. The structure is a unique one, and perhaps the only one of its kind in this District which was constructed at considerable expense

expense by the ancient Polligars. Its restoration ther
early attention.

5. I would strongly recommend that to prevent further
deterioration of the mantap an estimate may be got ready by the
Public Works Department. and that steps may be taken for the work
being started as early as practicable.

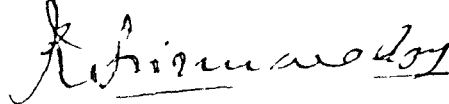
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Sd. K.Srinivasa Row.

Deputy Commissio r

Shimoga District

" C O P Y."



Deputy Commissioner,

Shimoga District.

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Serial No. 4

Diary No. of letter replied to — — —

No. 138

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Chief Engineer

in Mysore.

Date of issue 21st July 1913

Signed by ^{M²} Aravamudanagar.

Si,

With reference to subject
No. 529 brought up in
discussion at the Dassara
Representative Assembly of
1912 regarding repairs to
the mantap in the Honda
of Sankabemra. I have
directed to write your
reference to Memo No 152

over.

SUBJECT

Dated the 17th Nov. 1913
addressed to you by the Dy
Commr Shingoppa on the subject
~~matter, and to enquire~~
~~what action~~ ^{and} request you
will be so kind as to
inform this office what
action has been taken
in the matter.

A very early reply is
solicited.

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17.7.13

List of enclosures,

Copied by *SM*
Examined by

DIARY No. 363

10/319/14
Mysore P. W. DEPARTMENT
No. 6608
SERIAL No. 5.

From

THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF MYSORE

Bangalore

To The Secretary to Govt
of H. H. W. S. S. Mysore
Dept.

Dated Bangalore, 7th August 1913

Despatched

Enclosure N. two letters

SUBJECT

A. S. to be referred to
the action taken in regard
to the report regarding
the same.

No 6608
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MYSORE P. W. DEPART

CENTRAL OFFICE,

Bangalore, ...7th August..... 1913

From

KARPUR SHRINIVASRAV, Esq, B.Sc., L.C.E.,
Offg. Chief Engineer of Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

K.R.Srinivasalengar, Esq., M.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Departments

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 138/Muz. 721-12-4 dated the 21st July 1913 requesting to be informed of the action taken with regard to the repairs required to the Mantap in the Honda of Santebannur.

2. In reply, I beg to state that on receipt of the Deputy Commissioner's letter No. 152 dated the 11th November 1911 in the matter a detailed report was called for from the Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division. A copy of his letter No. 271 dated the 25th March 1913 reporting on the subject is herewith forwarded for information. A consolidated estimate for all the works - required to the masjid and honda has since been ordered to be prepared and submitted without further delay, -vide this office 4231 dated 22nd May 1913 (copy enclosed). It will be disposed as soon as it is received. The Superintending Engineer is being

reminded

reminded to expedite its submission.

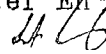
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. J. Macdonald', written in a cursive style.

For Offg. Chief Engineer of Mysore.

Handwritten initials 'HJ' in dark ink, positioned below the signature.

S.S.

Encl.
Letter No. 271 dated 25th March 1913 from the Executive Engineer, Shimoga Division, to the Superintending Engineer, - - Northern Circle.

Your No. 7506 dated 14-12-1911 and subsequent reminders on the subject.

I have the honour to report in detail as follows:-

1. The improvements carried out under the estimate sanctioned for Rs 770 in Chief Engineer's No. 3252 D/28-7-91 are as per details in the accompanying copy of estimate and also the enclosed copies of correspondence received from the Chief Engineer from time to time. These show also where the cost is met from.
2. The so called masjid is now used as a Musafirkhana. The Honda is not a real Honda, but a Kalyani built very ornamentally. It is situated in front of the Musafirkhana and has flights of - - stone steps all round. Gopurams were erected in all the cardinal points and only four are now remaining, though one has settled very badly and needs rebuilding or dismantling very soon. The ornaments of the central mantap are now crumbling, but the mantap is perfectly sound in other respects to all outward view. It is inaccessible without boats.
3. The masjid and Honda are unquestionably monuments of antiquarian interest and are worth preserving after completely restoring as much of the structure as can be retained to its - - original style of architecture.
4. As directed, No. 6866 dated 12/15-11-12 the special architect may be kindly asked to visit the place to furnish to

plans and estimate necessary for preserving whatever is possible of this building.

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Docket No. 4231 dated the 22nd May 1913 from the Chief Engineer of Mysore to the Superintending Engineer, Northern - - Circle.

Superintending Engineer's letter No. 3042 dated the 10th May 1913 submitting the report of the Executive Engineer, - - - Shimoga Division, on the condition of the masjid and honda at - - Santebennur.

With reference to the above, has the honour to inform the Superintending Engineer that, services of the special - - - architect are not necessary in this case. Surely with the - - existing plans, the Executive Engineer can prepare an estimate for the improvements required for the masjid. The honda is in good order, but the mantapams inside and at corners are all - - - dilapidated. It would be difficult to estimate the cost of - - restoring these structures as the work is a very ornamental one. A lumpsum provision of Rs 1,000 may be allowed for each of the mantapams.

2. A consolidated estimate for all the works required to the masjid and honda may kindly be submitted without further delay.

3. The plans and estimates received with the Superintending

Engineer's letter under reply are herewith returned.

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"TRUE COPIES"

*L. P. Mahalingam*

Assistant Secretary to Government,  
Public Works Department.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 363

GENERAL AND REVENUE  
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Date of issue

Signed by

READ—

Subject N<sup>o</sup> 529 brought forward at the Representative Assembly of 1912 by Mr. Nadiq Phumia Rao of the Channagiri Taluk, bringing to notice that the ~~ORDER THEREON. No.~~ honde at Santeberum and the fine mantap in it are objects of architectural interest. That the ~~restoration~~ restoration of the mantap through pressed for coins at ~~over~~

SUBJECT.

Repairs to the mantap in the honde at Santeberum, Channagiri M. (D.R.A. Subj. N<sup>o</sup> 529 of 1912) 13

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~~of Govt several times has not been~~  
~~attended to~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~praying~~ <sup>that</sup> early action  
may be taken to repair the mantap  
in the honda & in order to preserve  
this ancient monument from falling into ruins.

<sup>Correspondence ending with</sup>  
2. Letter No. 15/moz 1 dated the  
11<sup>th</sup> July 1913 from the Dy Commr  
Mysore District forwarding  
for information copy of letter No.  
152 dated 17<sup>th</sup> November 1911 addressed  
by him to the Chief Engineer of  
Mysore ~~on the subject~~ requesting  
him to have an estimate prepared  
for <sup>the</sup> necessary repairs to the mantap  
to prevent its further deterioration

3 Correspondence ending  
with letter No. 6608 dated the 7<sup>th</sup>  
August '13 from the Chief  
Engineer of Mysore reporting  
~~the action taken by him in the matter~~  
~~and stating~~ that a consolidated  
estimate for all the works  
required to the masjid and  
honda at Dautabemur

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has since been ordered to  
be prepared and  
without further delay and  
the Supg Engineer also is  
being reminded to expedite  
its submissions.

no 954-5 — 20.9.13  
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Order thereon: N<sup>o</sup>

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To

The Dy Commr, Mysore  
" Chief Engineer of  
Mysore

no 956

Copies to D.P.A. members  
and to Basara Section.

Dr (65)  
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